

CASE: 1155 === ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

3 April 1975

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: BOBBY L. MCKAIN 1155 *NAME*
1155

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

11 August 1992

COUNTRY OF LOSS REALIGNED BASED ON JUNE 1992 ANALYTICAL REVIEW BY
JTF-FA AND DIA POW/MIA AND APPROVED BY OSD AND THE SERVICE CASUALTY
BRANCHES.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

12 August 1993

ON 3 JUL 93, IE3 INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES CONCERNING CASE 1155 AT TAN
PHUOC VILLAGE, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. THE TWO WITNESSES
OBSERVED THE WRECKAGE OF AN ALLEGED U.S. HELICOPTER SEVERAL YEARS
FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT. BOTH WITNESSES AGREED ON THE LOCATION OF THE
ALLEGED CRASH SITE, BUT WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING
THE DISPOSITION OF THE CREWMEMBERS OF THE AIRCRAFT. IE3 CONDUCTED SITE
SURVEYS OF THE WITNESS LOCATION AND THE LOCATION ANNOTATED IN U.S. RECORDS
AS THE LOSS LOCATION ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE BUT WERE UNABLE TO RECOVER
ANY EVIDENCE OF A CRASH SITE AT EITHER LOCATION. IE3 VISITED THE HOMES OF
THREE LOCAL RESIDENTS OF TAN PHUOC VILLAGE, RECORDING AND PHOTOGRAPHING
SMALL AMOUNTS OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE. OVERALL, THERE IS A LACK OF
CORRELATIVE DATA AND ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CREWMEMBERS INVOLVED.
(REF 3)

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 25 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

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(formerly):	
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Name: CLEM, THOMAS DEAN Date Status assigned: 22 Jul 1974

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	MARINE CORPS	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A -
Grade	02	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No	095595	Height	72 in / 1.83 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	31 May 1942	Weight	170 lb / 77.0 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
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DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITE INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THESE INDIVIDUAL'S NAMES AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. 1LT CLEM AND 1LT AVERY ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

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=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

12 August 1992

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=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

26 January 1976

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: ROBERT D. AVERY, 1156-0-01, AND THOMAS D. CLEM, 1156-0-02.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

2 November 1992

DURING THE 18TH SERIES OF JOINT FIELD ACTIVITIES A JOINT TEAM

CASE: 1156

CONDUCTED SEARCH AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS AT AN APPARENT AIRCRAFT CRASH SITE IN NHAN TRACH VILLAGE, BO TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE (XE678 416). METAL DETECTOR SURVEYS WERE CONDUCTED, FOLLOWED BY A PARTIAL EXCAVATION OF THE AREA SURROUNDING THE SUSPECTED CRASH CRATER. SIGNIFICANT MATERIALS RECOVERED INCLUDE A PORTION OF BLOOD CHIT FROM AN AIRCREW MEMBER'S PERSONAL EFFECTS, NUMEROUS BITS OF METAL AND FIBERGLASS AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE, AND A SET OF BOMB STABILIZING FINS. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE BOMB FINS INDICATES THEY ARE FROM A 1000 TO 2000 LBS. BOMB. NO HUMAN REMAINS WERE RECOVERED. ANALYSIS OF WITNESS TESTIMONY AND REGIONAL MILITARY DOCUMENTS INDICATE A POSSIBLE CORRELATION OF THIS SITE TO CASE 1156 BY INCIDENT DATE, GENERAL LOCATION, AND AIRCRAFT TYPE. INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIALS RECOVERED SUPPORTS THE CONCLUSION THAT THE AIRCREW WAS WITH THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF IMPACT. THIS SITE'S POTENTIAL TO YIELD SIGNIFICANT EVIDENCE UPON FURTHER SYSTEMATIC EXCAVATION IS CONSIDERED TO BE HIGH. (REF 4)

12 January 1993

DURING THE 19TH SERIES OF JOINT FIELD ACTIVITIES A JOINT US/SRV TEAM CONTINUED SEARCH AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS AT THE AIRCRAFT CRASH SITE IN NHAN TRACH VILLAGE. METAL DETECTOR AND GROUND PENETRATING RADAR SURVEYS WERE CONDUCTED, FOLLOWED BY THE EXCAVATION OF TEST PITS IN THE AREAS BEARING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ANOMALIES. THESE EFFORTS YIELDED 2 PIECES OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE WITH PART NUMBERS CORRELATING TO AN A-6 TYPE AIRCRAFT, A SMALL PORTION OF AIRCREW MEMBER'S G-SUIT, AND ONE BONE FRAGMENT OF POSSIBLE HUMAN ORIGIN, ALL OF WHICH WERE RETAINED FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS. RECOVERY OPERATIONS CEASED WHEN ONE UNEXPLODED MARK 82, 500 LB BOMB WAS PHYSICALLY LOCATED WITHIN THE CRASH CRATER. (REF 5)

13 October 1993

ON 28 AUG 93, RE1 CONDUCTED A FIELD SITE SURVEY OF THE CRASH SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1156 LOCATED NEAR THE VILLAGE OF NHAN TRACH, BO TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE. THE SITE IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF XE6780741660. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE CURRENT SURVEY WAS TO DETERMINE IF A MARK 82, 500 POUND BOMB DISCOVERED DURING THE 19TH JFA WAS REMOVED BY THE VIETNAMESE AND TO DETERMINE IF UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE STILL REMAINS IN THE CRASH CRATER. IN ADDITION, RE1 WAS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE COCKPIT HAD SEPARATED FROM THE REST OF THE AIRCRAFT AND LANDED IN THE DEBRIS FIELD BEYOND THE IMPACT CRATER. VISUAL AND METAL DETECTOR SWEEPS OF THE DEBRIS FIELD SOUTH OF THE IMPACT CRATER YIELDED NO EVIDENCE OF AIRCREW RELATED EQUIPMENT OR COCKPIT RELATED ITEMS. A GROUND PENETRATING RADAR (GPR) SURVEY OF THE IMPACT CRATER SUCCEEDED IN DETERMINING THAT THE 500 POUND BOMB HAD BEEN REMOVED. HOWEVER, THE GPR DETECTED AN ADDITIONAL TARGET THOUGHT TO BE LIVE ORDNANCE. NO REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS WERE RECOVERED FROM THIS SITE. DUE TO THE CONFIRMED EXISTENCE OF UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE AT THE 1156 CRASH SITE AND ITS PROXIMITY TO A VILLAGE, THIS SITE IS NOT SAFE. SERIOUS INJURY WILL RESULT TO EXCAVATION TEAM MEMBERS AND THE LOCAL POPULACE IF THIS SITE IS EXCAVATED. (REF 6)

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26 October 1991

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS TAKEN FROM BO TRACH DIST. DOCUMENTS DURING THE 14TH ITERATION. "7. 0425 HRS, 3 MAY 68; PEOPLES'S MILITIA OF LY TRACH, NHAN TRACH AND DAI TRACH (VILLAGES); A6A; 2 KILLED; ; CRASHED IN NORTHERN LY TRACH AND NHAN TRACH (VILLAGES)." THIS INFORMATION CORRELATES TO REFNO 1156, FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT D. AVERY AND FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS D. CLEM. THIS CORRELATION IS BASED ON LOCATION, AIRCRAFT TYPE, DATE AND TIME OF DAY. (REF 3)

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1 November 1993

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 9 MAY 1994

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1156-0-02 (ACCNO 0408) Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: CLEM, THOMAS DEAN Date Status assigned: 22 Jul 1974

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	MARINE CORPS	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A -
Grade	O2	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No	095595	Height	72 in / 1.83 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	31 May 1942	Weight	170 lb / 77.0 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	INDIANA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QXE678416
Lat/Long: 173321N / 1063452E
Country: NORTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 4
Mission Province: QUANG BINH
(formerly):
Mission District: BO TRACH
Mission Date: 3 May 1968 0540L
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

26 January 1976

ON 3 MAY 1968 1LT ROBERT D. AVERY, BOMBARDIER/NAVIGATION, AND 1LT THOMAS D. CLEM, PILOT, WERE FLYING AN A6A AIRCRAFT (BUNO #154164), ON A RADAR CONTROLLED STRIKE MISSION OVER NVN. NO RADIO TRANSMISSIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM THE AIRCRAFT AFTER LEAVING THE TARGET AREA. RADAR AND RADIO CONTACT WERE LOST WITH THE AIRCRAFT AT APPROX. 0540 HOURS, IN THE VICINITY OF GC XE 662 409. IMMEDIATE RADIO AND VISUAL SEARCHES WERE CONDUCTED AND CONTINUED UNTIL 21 MAY 1968 WITHOUT SUCCESS. (REF 1 & 2)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITE INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THESE INDIVIDUAL'S NAMES AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. 1LT CLEM AND 1LT AVERY ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== REFERENCES ===

26 January 1976

REFERENCES: <1> RPT, HQ USMC, DD FORM 1300, 30 JUL AND 4 SEP 74. <2> EXTRACT, MARINE MASTER LISTING, PAGE 12, AS OF 2 NOV 74. <3> CDR JCRC, BARBERS PT, HI, 182202Z SEP 91. <4> 200817Z JUL 92, CJTTFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH. <5> R 231119Z SEP 92. <6> 240556Z SEP 93 CJTTFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH. <7> JTF-FA DET 2 FAX (831-93), 3 SEP 93. <8> CDR, JTF-FA/J2 280702Z OCT 93. <9> MFR, CASUALTY RESOLUTION SUPERVISOR, DET TWO, 14 DEC 93.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

12 August 1992

CASE NARRATIVE 1156 WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE 30-31 JULY 1992 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING.

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

26 January 1976

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: ROBERT D. AVERY, 1156-0-01, AND THOMAS D. CLEM, 1156-0-02.

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=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

2 November 1992

DURING THE 18TH SERIES OF JOINT FIELD ACTIVITIES A JOINT TEAM CONDUCTED SEARCH AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS AT AN APPARENT AIRCRAFT CRASH SITE IN NHAN TRACH VILLAGE, BO TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE (XE678 416). METAL DETECTOR SURVEYS WERE CONDUCTED, FOLLOWED BY A PARTIAL EXCAVATION OF THE AREA SURROUNDING THE SUSPECTED CRASH CRATER. SIGNIFICANT MATERIALS RECOVERED INCLUDE A PORTION OF BLOOD CHIT FROM AN AIRCREW MEMBER'S PERSONAL EFFECTS, NUMEROUS BITS OF METAL AND FIBERGLASS AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE, AND A SET OF BOMB STABILIZING FINS. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE BOMB FINS INDICATES THEY ARE FROM A 1000 TO 2000 LBS. BOMB. NO HUMAN REMAINS WERE RECOVERED. ANALYSIS OF WITNESS TESTIMONY AND REGIONAL MILITARY DOCUMENTS INDICATE A POSSIBLE CORRELATION OF THIS SITE TO CASE 1156 BY INCIDENT DATE, GENERAL LOCATION, AND AIRCRAFT TYPE. INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIALS RECOVERED SUPPORTS THE CONCLUSION THAT THE AIRCREW WAS WITH THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF IMPACT. THIS SITE'S POTENTIAL TO YIELD SIGNIFICANT EVIDENCE UPON FURTHER SYSTEMATIC EXCAVATION IS CONSIDERED TO BE HIGH. (REF 4)

12 January 1993

DURING THE 19TH SERIES OF JOINT FIELD ACTIVITIES A JOINT US/SRV TEAM CONTINUED SEARCH AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS AT THE AIRCRAFT CRASH SITE IN NHAN TRACH VILLAGE. METAL DETECTOR AND GROUND PENETRATING RADAR SURVEYS WERE CONDUCTED, FOLLOWED BY THE EXCAVATION OF TEST PITS IN THE AREAS BEARING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ANOMALIES. THESE EFFORTS YIELDED 2 PIECES OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE WITH PART NUMBERS CORRELATING TO AN A-6 TYPE AIRCRAFT, A SMALL PORTION OF AIRCREW MEMBER'S G-SUIT, AND ONE BONE FRAGMENT OF POSSIBLE HUMAN ORIGIN, ALL OF WHICH WERE RETAINED FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS. RECOVERY OPERATIONS CEASED WHEN ONE UNEXPLODED MARK 82, 500 LB BOMB WAS PHYSICALLY LOCATED WITHIN THE CRASH CRATER. (REF 5)

13 October 1993

ON 28 AUG 93, RE1 CONDUCTED A FIELD SITE SURVEY OF THE CRASH SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1156 LOCATED NEAR THE VILLAGE OF NHAN TRACH, BO TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE. THE SITE IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF XE6780741660. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE CURRENT SURVEY WAS TO DETERMINE IF A MARK 82, 500 POUND BOMB DISCOVERED DURING THE 19TH JFA WAS REMOVED BY THE VIETNAMESE AND TO DETERMINE IF UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE STILL REMAINS IN THE CRASH CRATER. IN ADDITION, RE1 WAS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE COCKPIT HAD SEPARATED FROM THE REST OF THE AIRCRAFT AND LANDED IN THE DEBRIS FIELD BEYOND THE IMPACT CRATER. VISUAL AND METAL DETECTOR SWEEPS OF THE DEBRIS FIELD SOUTH OF THE IMPACT CRATER YIELDED NO EVIDENCE OF AIRCREW RELATED EQUIPMENT OR COCKPIT RELATED ITEMS. A GROUND PENETRATING RADAR (GPR) SURVEY OF THE IMPACT CRATER SUCCEEDED IN DETERMINING THAT THE 500 POUND BOMB HAD BEEN REMOVED. HOWEVER, THE GPR DETECTED AN ADDITIONAL TARGET THOUGHT TO BE LIVE ORDNANCE. NO REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS WERE

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RECOVERED FROM THIS SITE. DUE TO THE CONFIRMED EXISTENCE OF UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE AT THE 1156 CRASH SITE AND ITS PROXIMITY TO A VILLAGE, THIS SITE IS NOT SAFE. SERIOUS INJURY WILL RESULT TO EXCAVATION TEAM MEMBERS AND THE LOCAL POPULACE IF THIS SITE IS EXCAVATED. (REF 6)

=== ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ===

26 October 1991

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS TAKEN FROM BO TRACH DIST. DOCUMENTS DURING THE 14TH ITERATION. "7. 0425 HRS, 3 MAY 68; PEOPLES'S MILITIA OF LY TRACH, NHAN TRACH AND DAI TRACH (VILLAGES); A6A; 2 KILLED; ; CRASHED IN NORTHERN LY TRACH AND NHAN TRACH (VILLAGES)." THIS INFORMATION CORRELATES TO REFNO 1156, FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT D. AVERY AND FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS D. CLEM. THIS CORRELATION IS BASED ON LOCATION, AIRCRAFT TYPE, DATE AND TIME OF DAY. (REF 3)

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS TAKEN FROM BO TRACH DIST. DOCUMENTS DURING THE 14TH ITERATION. "8. 0245 HRS, 4 MAY; A GROUP FROM HOAN TRACH, VAN TRACH AND PHU TRACH (VILLAGES; A66; DEAD ; CRASHED AT SEA NEAR LY HOA (HAMLET)." THIS INFORMATION IS PROBABLY A REPEAT OF THE PREVIOUS ENTRY (PARA 4G) AND ALSO CORRELATES TO REFNO 1156. THERE WERE NO AIRCRAFT LOSSES NORTHERN VIETNAM ON 4 MAY 1968. (REF 3)

14 October 1993

ON 1 SEP 93, THE VIETNAMESE TURNED OVER A DOCUMENT TITLED "LIST OF DECEASED U.S. AIRMEN, BURIED, NEED TO LOCATE REMAINS." THIS DOCUMENT WAS IN RESPONSE TO A U.S. LIST OF 84 CASES FOR WHICH U.S. ANALYSTS BELIEVE THE VIETNAMESE SHOULD HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. EACH CASE ON THE VIETNAMESE DOCUMENT WAS FOLLOWED BY A BRIEF COMMENT ON THE STATUS OF THE CASE. ENTRY NUMBER 29 ON THE VIETNAMESE DOCUMENT CORRELATED WITH REFNO 1156. (REF 7)

15 October 1993

ON 1 SEP 93, THE VIETNAMESE TURNED OVER A DOCUMENT TITLED "LIST OF DECEASED U.S. SOLDIERS THAT WERE BURIED (GRAVE SITE UNDETERMINED)." EACH CASE ON THE LIST WAS FOLLOWED BY THE COMMENT "BURIAL SITE CANNOT BE LOCATED; CONCLUDED THAT GRAVE SITE IS INDETERMINABLE." ENTRY NUMBER 25 ON THE VIETNAMESE DOCUMENT CORRELATED WITH REFNO 1156. MOST OF THE REFNOs LISTED ON THIS DOCUMENT APPEARED ON A U.S. LIST OF 84 CASES FOR WHICH U.S. ANALYSTS BELIEVE THE VIETNAMESE SHOULD HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. (REF 7)

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1 November 1993

ON 17 DEC 92, THE SRV PROVIDED A DOCUMENT TITLED, "REGISTER OF U.S. GRAVES IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE." LINE ENTRY #23 CORRELATES TO REFNO 1156-0-01 BASED ON PILOT'S NAME, APPROXIMATE DATE OF BIRTH AND SERIAL NUMBER. (REF 8)

5 May 1994

ON 14 DECEMBER 1993, THE SRV PROVIDED SEVERAL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO 84 CASES ASSIGNED TO THE JTF-FA SPECIAL REMAINS TEAM (SRT). ONE DOCUMENT TITLED, "LIST OF U.S. SERVICEMEN WHO DIED DURING THE WAR IN THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (REMAINS NOT RECOVERED)", PROVIDES INFORMATION CORRELATING TO REFNO 1156-0-01, AN UNRESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON NAME, RANK, BRANCH OF SERVICE, AIRCRAFT TYPE AND LOCATION OF LOSS. (REF 9)